

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	July 27, 2016
Time of Incident:	1:20 P.M.
Location of Incident:	2700 N. New England Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Date of COPA Notification:	July 27, 2016
Time of COPA Notification:	7:14 P.M.

On July 27, 2016, at approximately 1:20 P.M., [REDACTED] stated that he was crossing the street in the vicinity of 2700 N. New England, when he observed a marked squad car, Ford Explorer, speeding toward him. When the vehicle got close to him, the front passenger side of the squad car struck the left side of [REDACTED] body. [REDACTED] fell to the ground; the squad briefly stopped and then immediately fled the area. [REDACTED] sustained soreness to the left side of his back and leg. [REDACTED] received medical treatment at Community First Hospital.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Unidentified Officer(s)
Involved Officer #2:	
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED] M/W, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Norridge, Illinois 60706
Involved Individual #2:	

III. ALLEGATIONS¹

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Unidentified Officer(s)	1. Struck [REDACTED] with a marked squad car. 2. Failed to stop and identify themselves. 3. Failed to render aid to [REDACTED]	Not Sustained Not Sustained Not Sustained

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS²

¹ Detail each allegation with reference to the rule violated.

² List each applicable rules/laws. Add rows for additional rules/laws. If one category is not applicable, remove it from the list.

Rules

- 1.Rule 2 – Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's effort to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- 2.Rule 3 – Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- 3.Rule 6 – Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- 4.Rule 8 – Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- 5.Rule 9 – Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

General Orders

- 1.G03 – 02 Use of force.
- 2.
- 3.

V. INVESTIGATION

a. Interviews

On July 29, 2016, COPA interviewed the victim, [REDACTED] stated that on July 27, 2016, at approximately 1:20 P.M., he was in the process of crossing the street when he observed a marked squad car, a Ford Explorer SUV, speeding toward him with no emergency equipment activated. As the Chicago Police vehicle got closer to him, the vehicle swerved toward [REDACTED] to influence him to move out the way. At that time, the passenger side mirror of the vehicle hit the left side of [REDACTED] body, which caused him to fall to the ground. [REDACTED] described himself to be in a push – up position when he fell to the ground. The vehicle stopped briefly as if the officer inside the vehicle was making sure [REDACTED] was okay. Once the officer observed that [REDACTED] was fine, the vehicle immediately sped off without helping him.

[REDACTED] never saw the driver of the squad car. [REDACTED] was taken to Our Lady of Resurrection Hospital (Now known as Community First Hospital), by an ambulance. [REDACTED] sustained damage to his sciatic nerve to the left side of his body and scratches to his hands. [REDACTED] indicated that he observed one witness on the scene, a Hispanic female driving a minivan, but he did not get any of her personal information. [REDACTED] stated during his interview that he did not believe that the officer hit him on purpose.

b. Digital Evidence

There was no video footage related to this investigation.

c. Physical Evidence

The Medical Records from Community First Hospital indicated that [REDACTED] came to the hospital for back pain. [REDACTED] informed the hospital staff that he was hit by a police vehicle while he was walking across the street. [REDACTED] stated that he had pain to the left buttocks, that radiated down to the back of his legs. [REDACTED] denied having a head injury. [REDACTED] was diagnosed with lower back pain without sciatica, unspecified back pain laterality. [REDACTED] has a history of depression, anxiety, and paranoia.

The CFD Ambulance Report indicated that CFD Ambulance 63, was told by the patient, [REDACTED] that he was walking down the street and was brushed by a car. The patient then walked two blocks and called 911. [REDACTED] did not have any obvious injury to his back. [REDACTED] was immediately taken to Community First Hospital for treatment.

d. Documentary Evidence

The Initiation Report authored by Sgt. [REDACTED] indicated that the victim, [REDACTED] reported a vehicle resembling a marked squad car (Ford Explorer) was driving at a high rate of speed and disregarding stop signs without emergency equipment and struck [REDACTED] with the front passenger corner of the vehicle as [REDACTED] was walking westbound in the same

intersection. [REDACTED] further reported that the drivers of the marked squad car failed to stop and identify themselves. The accused officers failed to render aid to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to identify the vehicle involved or the officers inside of the vehicle; [REDACTED] was taken to Community First Hospital by CFD Ambulance 63. [REDACTED] alleged that he sustained an injury to his left buttocks, lower back, and left leg. Sgt. [REDACTED] examined [REDACTED] lower back, and he did not see any visible injuries.

The Vehicle Crash Report [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was walking westbound on Schubert to catch a bus. As he was crossing New England, he stated that he saw a white SUV, which he believed was a Chicago Police Vehicle, driving southbound. [REDACTED] related that the Chicago Police Vehicle struck him and caused him to fall to the ground. [REDACTED] was unable to obtain a plate or outside number. The Chicago Police Vehicle stopped briefly after hitting him and then continued southbound in New England.

The **GPS report** for July 27, 2016, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., while in the vicinity of 2700 N. New England Avenue, did not depict any Chicago Police Vehicles in the area.

The **OEMC Event Query** indicated that [REDACTED] called 911 and stated that he was hit by a police SUV while crossing the street, in the vicinity of 6999 W. Schubert. [REDACTED] said after he got up from the ground, the police SUV drove away. [REDACTED] refused an EMS and stated that he was just very anxious. [REDACTED] related that he did not have a car number or plate number. The report further related that [REDACTED] believed CFD brought him to the hospital.

e. Additional Evidence

The **canvass** conducted in the vicinity of 2700 N. New England, resulted in the negative results.

VI. ANALYSIS

The burden of proof COPA must reach for a finding on each allegation is the preponderance of the evidence standard.

It is alleged that an **Unidentified Officer(s)**: (1) struck [REDACTED] with a squad car; (2) failed to stop and identify themselves; and (3) failed to render aid to [REDACTED]

The evidence in this investigation did not reveal that [REDACTED] had contact with a Chicago Police Officer. [REDACTED] alleged that he was struck by a marked SUV Chicago Police vehicle. [REDACTED] was unable to describe the driver of the vehicle, and he could not provide a plate or outside number of the vehicle. The medical records from Community First Hospital do not support [REDACTED] allegations of being struck by a vehicle. [REDACTED] did not have any visible injuries, nor did he have any structural damage to his body. There were no police reports related to [REDACTED] having any contact with the Chicago Police Department. The GPS did not depict any Chicago Police vehicles at or near of the said location. There were no witnesses to support or

refute any of the allegations made by [REDACTED]. Therefore, COPA recommends a finding of Not Sustained for this investigation.

VII. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis set forth above, COPA makes the following findings:

Officer	Allegation	Finding / Recommendation
Unidentified Officer(s)	1. Struck [REDACTED] with a marked squad car. 2. Failed to stop and identify themselves. 3. Failed to render aid to [REDACTED]	Not Sustained Not Sustained Not Sustained

Approved:



Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

2-21-19

Date



Investigator Supervisor

2/27/19

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad#:	8
Major Case Specialist:	[REDACTED]
Supervising Investigator:	[REDACTED]
Deputy Chief Administrator:	[REDACTED]